

**Lancaster County Youth Conservation School
July 21-27, 2019
Application**



**Return to: Lancaster County Conservation District
Attn: Conservation School
1383 Arcadia Road Room 200
Lancaster PA 17601-3149
Or a sponsoring organization**

Questions: (717) 299-5361 x.2516

Who, What, When, Where, and How

- Who?** 14-16 year old students (must be 14 yrs. old as of July 21, 2019)
- What?** The Lancaster Co. Youth Conservation School celebrates 41 years of conservation education. This resident school is a summer enrichment opportunity for students who share an appreciation for the conservation of our natural resources, outdoor activities, and sportsmanship. The **goal of the school** is to provide basic instruction in fish and game management, soil and water conservation, forestry, outdoor recreation and sportsmanship, and general environmental resource protection.
- When?** July 21-27, 2019
- Where?** The school will be held at the Northern Lancaster County Game and Fish Protective Association located in West Cocalico Township, approximately ½ mile north of Route 897 on Forest Road.
- How?** The Lancaster County Youth Conservation School is a cooperative effort between the Lancaster County Conservation District and the Federated Sportsmen of Lancaster County. During the weeklong school, federal, state, and local conservation agency personnel provide instruction assisted by local sportsmen. Students are provided with lodging in tents with cots. A supply list will be mailed after acceptance to the program.

Student activities are closely supervised throughout the week. Conservation District staff administers and resides at the school 24/7 during the week. All Conservation School staff in residence complete state law background clearances. The possession of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol is strictly prohibited during school. Pennsylvania Game Commission officers will supervise all firearm use. Boating activities will be under the supervision of the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

Registration and Fees

All students must be sponsored by an organization. Sponsoring organizations include sportsmen clubs, conservation organizations, or civic associations who fulfill the tuition payment of \$150 per student. Sponsorships are available by contacting the Lancaster County Conservation District at 717-299-5361 x. 2516.

Students are responsible for a **\$25 Registration Fee** due upon acceptance to the program. Checks should be made payable to the **LANCASTER COUNTY YOUTH CONSERVATION SCHOOL**.

Cancellation Policy

Lancaster County Conservation District must receive all cancellations. Full refunds will be made to sponsoring organizations for cancellations received by July 1, 2019. Refund requests made after that time will not be honored, and the participant or sponsoring organization will be responsible for the fee.

NOTE: The applicant should understand that the school is a learning program. Only those sincerely interested in acquiring knowledge about natural resource conservation should apply.

How to Apply








1. The application process involves **two** steps. The following **two** items must be submitted to the Lancaster County Conservation District or your Sponsoring Organization:

one) Completed application form. (pg 3-4)








two) Letter of recommendation. The recommendation letter should be written by someone who can speak of the potential student's character such as the sponsoring organization, a teacher, community leader, or religious leader.

2. **Applications due June 15, 2019 or until the class is filled.** Confirmation of acceptance will be sent by mail following the application deadline. If you don't currently have a sponsor, return your application to the Lancaster County Conservation District. Your application will be matched to a sponsoring organization.



-  **Orienteering**
-  **Archery**
-  **Survival Skills**
-  **Tree Stand Safety**
-  **Outdoor Careers**
-  **Land Use**
-  **Stream Improvement Project**



-  **Wildlife Management**
-  **Firearm Safety**
-  **Canoeing**
-  **Cold Water Survival Skills**
-  **Reptile & Amphibian Conservation**
-  **Field Trips**
-  **Low Impact Camping**



Responsible students skilled & educated in the wise use of our Natural Resources.

2019 YOUTH CONSERVATION SCHOOL APPLICATION FORM

Office Use Only

- Application
- Letter of Recommendation
- Sponsor Scholarship / ch #
- Student Regis. Fee / cash or ch #

First and Last Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Gender: M or F Phone Number: () _____

Address: _____
House #/Street _____ City: _____ State: PA Zip Code: _____

Grade entering in the 2019 -2020 School Year: 9th 10th 11th 12th

Choose Student T-Shirt (Adult Sizes): S M L XL XXL

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Father Name: _____ Workplace: _____ Contact Phone #: _____

Mother Name: _____ Workplace: _____ Contact Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact and Phone Number if different from above: _____

Parent Email: (acceptance notification) _____

SPONSOR:

- I request a sponsor.
- I have a Sportsmen Assoc. or Community Org. sponsor: _____

MEDICAL HISTORY:

Does applicant have any allergic reaction to bee stings? Yes No

Does applicant have any allergy, or take any medication? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

NOTE: If prescribed medication is to be administered during student's stay, a written order by the family physician is required. Medication should be stored in the original labeled container with physician instructions.

Does student need any attention to learning disabilities, physical challenges, etc.? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Special medical concerns or conditions we should know about (epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, injuries to bones/joints, etc.) _____

Date of last tetanus booster: _____

YOUTH CONSERVATION SCHOOL – PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

I, _____ hereby give my consent for my son or daughter, (name) _____, to attend the Lancaster County Youth Conservation School. I hereby, for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release my right and claim for damages/liability against the Lancaster County Youth Conservation School, Lancaster County Conservation District, the Northern Lancaster County Game and Fish Protective Association, the sponsor and others who may participate in this program.

I also agree that in the event of injury or illness, if I cannot be contacted, that permission is granted to the above-mentioned organizations to obtain competent medical assistance. To the best of my knowledge, the applicant is in good health, not taking any prescribed medication, and can participate in all activities without restriction unless otherwise mentioned on the application.

Parent’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

YOUTH CONSERVATION SCHOOL – STUDENT LETTER OF INTEREST

Student - please use the space provided to write a letter of interest. A letter of interest should include reasons for applying, and highlight background skills or knowledge. Include outdoor interests and/or involvement in conservation programs. Attach an addition sheet if needed.

Once completed, return this application and recommendation letter (written by someone who can speak to the potential student’s character such as the sponsoring organization, a teacher, community leader, or religious leader) **to the sponsoring organization.** **The application and tuition payable to the Lancaster County Youth Conservation School will be forwarded by the Sponsor.**